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SUBJ: INQUIRY CONCERNING EEC TARIFF TREATMENT

1. HAVE BEEN ASKED BY ALCOA'S EUROPEAN HEADQUARTERS IN LAUSANNE TO ATTEMPT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS THEY HAVE CONCERNING EEC TARIFF TREATMENT OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS WHICH ALCOA MANUFACTURES IN THE USA AND EXPORTS TO VARIOUS EEC COUNTRIES FOR USE IN THE EUROPEAN AIRBUS PROGRAM. INVOLVED ARE BOTH ALUMINUM-SHEET AND ALUMINUM-PLATE PRODUCTS, WHICH FALL UNDER BTN POSITION 76.03. THE STATED EEC TARIFF ON SHEET PRODUCTS IS 12 PERCENT AND ON PLATE PRODUCTS 7.5 PERCENT. IN THE PAST, THESE TARIFFS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED WHEN THE ITEMS IN QUESTION WERE FOR USE IN THE AIRBUS PROGRAM.

2. ALCOA REPORTS THAT THERE ARE RUMORS IN THE TRADE SUGGESTING THAT THIS SUSPENSION OF DUTIES WILL BE ALTERED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. ONE REPORT HAS IT THAT THE SUSPENSION WILL REMAIN IN FORCE WHERE THE SHEET AND PLATE PRODUCTS ARE INTENDED FOR USE IN MANUFACTURING AIRBUSES FOR SALE OUTSIDE THE EEC, WHILE THE

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TARIFF WILL BE REIMPOSED FOR AIRBUSES TO BE SOLD WITHIN THE EEC.

ANOTHER SOURCE SAYS THAT THE TARIFF WILL BE REIMPOSED MOMENTARILY
FOR SHEET AND PLATE PRODUCTS FOR ALL AIRBUSES, REGARDLESS OF
DESTINATION.

3. ALCOA HAS SEVERAL INVITATIONS TO BID ON SHEET AND PLATE PRODUCTS
FOR THE AIRBUS PROGRAM, AND HAS ASKED ASSISTANCE IN
DETERMINING THE PRESENT DUTY RATES APPLICABLE TO SUCH PRODUCTS,
AND WHETHER ANY CHANGES IN THE LEVEL OR BASIS OF ASSESSMENT
OF DUTY ARE ANTICIPATED. WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY INFO
ADDRESSEES CAN FURNISH.
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